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# DHCP Digest

Alabama Coordinated Health Network news, topics, and updates.

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## Maternity Coverage Updates

Many are unaware that maternity coverage has been extended from 60 days to 12 months postpartum. Additionally, Effective October 1, 2024, pregnant recipients aged 21 and older will only be eligible for these dental benefits during pregnancy and through the end of the month of 60 days postpartum when rendered by Alabama Medicaid enrolled dental providers.

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## Unwinding Toolkit

The Agency has created an Unwinding Toolkit for providers to aid in communications with recipients during this time. The Unwinding Toolkit can be located:

[https://medicaid.alabama.gov/documents/7.0\\_Providers/7.11\\_COVID-19\\_Information\\_For\\_Providers/7.11\\_PHE\\_Unwinding\\_Toolkit.pdf](https://medicaid.alabama.gov/documents/7.0_Providers/7.11_COVID-19_Information_For_Providers/7.11_PHE_Unwinding_Toolkit.pdf)

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# Alabama Perinatal Excellence Collaborative



The Alabama Perinatal Excellence Collaborative (APEC) was developed as a joint effort between the Alabama Medicaid Maternity Care Program, Alabama Department of Public Health, the University of Alabama at Birmingham, the University of South Alabama, and community care providers to lower infant mortality and improve maternal and infant health in Alabama through a comprehensive approach to development and implement evidence-based obstetric care guidelines.

**Current guidelines:** [www.apecguidelines.org/guidelines](http://www.apecguidelines.org/guidelines)

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# Alabama Perinatal Quality Collaborative

The Alabama Perinatal Quality Collaborative (ALPQC) exists to promote optimal health for Alabama mothers and babies by connecting key health and community stakeholders, sharing opportunities for education and training, and advancing the quality and safety of care through collaborative cooperation, evidence-based practices, and equitable approaches to care.

ALPQC has three initiatives:

- Birth Certificate Accuracy Initiative (BCAI)
- Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome (NOWS)
- Maternal Hypertension Initiative



Source: [www.alpqc.org](http://www.alpqc.org)

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Has your information changed?

To be sure that we have the most up-to-date information, please let us know if your contact information or provider roster has changed.

Have questions?

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